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CHRIST FOR SÃO LUÍS

A MINISTRY TO SÃO LUÍS, MARANHÃO, BRAZIL

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been a while since another newsletter has been written. That does not mean that there is no news. The Parkinson has complicated many things. I also have eye problems. Cataracts in both eyes and retinal issues in one, I cannot see anything close up. I cannot read out loud. I do my studies from memory. But even that has problems. Reading glasses do not resolve the problem. I cannot spend a lot of time on the computer. Driving the car is out of the question. Everything is a blur but I have a few studies Sunday and Thursdays. Everybody wants me to take it easy. They all have their reasons. Most of them I do not buy. But last week there was a two-day conference on worship. My family and Silvestre went to it. Silvestre said that it was things that I have been saying for 35 years.

Talking about Silvestre, he has been working with the churches in Maraba and Belem. It seems like every time he comes back; he has had another Baptism. He also comes back with news of uncertainty. Since the missionary passed away, they think they need someone to take over and would like Silvestre to do that. But what they need is to learn to work together. If it takes time to accomplish that, it looks like Silvestre will be a good help.

As for us in São Luis, we have Edvan, Rosanel, Caleb, and Ranny that make up the preaching rotation. Caleb has been getting better right along. The congregation has more to do in evangelism. Ruth has one person studying with her. I have 2 that are studying with me.

I have a little more confidence in going on furlough, next year, after the bus ride to the conference. It was a trip from 7pm to until noon the next day. I had a comfortable journey. Everything is well now and I'm in the office to do the newsletter but I am feeling tired.

Thank you for your support and prayers,
In His Service, John, Ruth and Caleb Navis

Note from Sylvia – Back on July 25th, the mailbox at the Pleasant Grove church was damaged by a motor vehicle and some mail was strewn across the lawn. Please alert your mission treasurer, if you sent any gifts to the mission (to the Pleasant Grove/Stewartville MN address) shortly before that date and it has not cleared your bank, please let me know. I can be reached at sklomps@juno.com Thanks! Sylvia